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TEXT

WARNING: INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE.

DIST: 14 SEPTEMBER 1983

COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR)

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ON MAJOR LOSSES MIR SUFFERED 7 SEPTEMBER 1983
 DOI [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 1983

TEXT: 1. THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) SUFFERED THE GREATEST BLOW OF ITS HISTORY WHEN CHILEAN SECURITY FORCES KILLED MIR NATIONAL MILITARY CHIEF ARTURO JORGE ((VILLAVELA)) ARAUJO ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1983, [REDACTED] SAID VILLAVELA HAD ESTABLISHED HIS OWN COMANDO GROUP WHICH OPERATED FAIRLY INDEPENDENTLY OF THE REST OF THE MIR, ALTHOUGH IT WAS RESPONSIVE NERAL DIRECTIVES.

2. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ANOTHER MIR MEMBER KILLED IN THE SAME CONFRONTATION AS VILLAVELA, LUCIA ORFILIA ((VERGARA)) VALENZUELA, ALSO WAS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GROUP. HE SAID THE OTHER THREE INDIVIDUALS KILLED AND NINE ARRESTED DURING THE SECURITY OPERATION IN SANTIAGO, ALL OF WHOM HE ACKNOWLEDGED BELONGED TO THE MIR, WERE NOT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE GROUP'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

3. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE EVENING OF 7 SEPTEMBER, COMBINED SECURITY SERVICES INITIATED AN OPERATION IN SANTIAGO RESULTING IN THE DEATHS OF FIVE INDIVIDUALS AND ARREST OF NINE. THE NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER (CNI) CLAIMED ALL WERE MIR MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE 30 AUGUST ASSASSINATION OF SANTIAGO MILITARY COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED) CAROL ((URZUA)) IBANEZ. [REDACTED] AVOIDED CONFIRMING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE MURDER OF URZUA. A 9 SEPTEMBER CNI COMMUNIQUE IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS KILLED IN ONE OF THE TWO CONFRONTATIONS (TWO OTHERS WERE KILLED IN A SECOND SHOOT-OUT AT ANOTHER LOCATION) AS VILLAVELA, WHOM THE COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBED AS THE MIR INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL MILITARY CHIEF. THE CNI CLAIMED LUCIA VERGARA ALSO HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE BASQUE FATHERLAND AND LIBERTY (ETA) ORGANIZATION. THE CNI CLAIMED THAT ANOTHER MAN KILLED AT THE OTHER LOCATION, KNOWN AS "JOSE," WAS A MILITARY CHIEF SUBORDINATE TO VILLAVELA. ARMS, EXPLOSIVES, DOCUMENTS AND PLANS TARGETTING URZUA AND OTHER CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE REPORTEDLY FOUND IN SEVERAL SAFEHOUSES THE MIR MEMBERS HAD OCCUPIED.)

6. [REDACTED]

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